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REPORT OF THE DRAFTING GROUP TO THE PLENARY

Humanitarian Programme

The Governing Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 46/182 of 19 December 1991 and Governing Council decisions 91/17 of 25 June 1991 and 92/20 of 26 May 1992,

1. Welcomes the progress already made in implementing Governing Council decision 92/20 and requests the Administrator to continue efforts to ensure its full implementation;

2. Commends the United Nations Development Programme and the Department of Humanitarian Affairs for the work of the Disaster Management Training Programme in promoting capacity-building in the field of disaster mitigation and in training United Nations system staff at the country level and encourages those in a position to do so to contribute financially to the programme;

3. Requests the United Nations Development Programme to work closely with the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction in disaster prevention and mitigation activities and urges the Programme to participate actively in the World Conference on Natural Disaster Reduction to be convened from 23 to 27 May 1994 in Yokohama, Japan;

4. Welcomes the written provisions for a more structured working relationship between the United Nations Development Programme and the Department of Humanitarian Affairs, as contained in annex I of document DP/1993/HP/CRP.3, which provide a sound basis for future cooperation and urges that these provisions be put into effect as soon as possible;

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5. Reaffirms, in the context of paragraph 7 of Governing Council decision 92/20, the need to develop an operational framework, under the overall authority of the Department of Humanitarian Affairs, identifying the roles and responsibilities of all the system's operational entities at the various phases of the relief-to-development continuum bearing in mind the overlapping mandates and unidentified areas of responsibilities and requests the Administrator to support actively Department of Humanitarian Affairs initiatives in this direction;

6. Emphasizes the need for close cooperation among the United Nations Development Programme, the Department of Humanitarian Affairs and resident coordinators to ensure that resident coordinators are in a position to execute their emergency coordination functions effectively and to contribute to promoting the transition from relief through rehabilitation to sustainable development, particularly through the promotion and use of national capacity;

7. Stresses the need for the United Nations Development Programme to continue to develop its substantive and technical capacity to support the transition process from relief through rehabilitation to sustainable development and to support resident coordinators in their emergency coordination function in close cooperation with the Department of Humanitarian Affairs;

8. Decides to maintain the Humanitarian Programme for the 1994-1995 biennium and to continue to fund one L-4 and one L-5 post from Special Programme Resources during this period;

9. Requests the Administrator to report on the implementation of the present decision to the Governing Council at its forty-first session (1994)..